

# Poultry, Pigeons & Waterfowl

Superintendent: Damon Johnson

Phone: 574.377.2764

**State Fair Entry:** Yes

**Animal Check In:** Sunday, July 6, 2025; 6:00PM-8:00PM, Poultry Barn, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

**Show Day:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025: 8:00AM, Poultry Barn, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

1. Cages will be provided for all 4-H Pigeon, Poultry and Waterfowl projects. Cage rental fee is \$1.00 per cage due at check-in and includes feed for the week provided by the Poultry Committee.
2. Pullorum-Typhoid test will be available at the Poultry Barn Set-Up only. All birds not purchased from an approved hatchery or older than one year will need tested. All waterfowl do not need tested. Testing is \$0.50 per bird and due the day of testing.
3. Birds must be clean before they can be brought into the poultry building. This includes, but is not limited to any fryer and meat birds prior to weigh-in and any birds needing a Pullorum-Typhoid test.
4. A 4-H Poultry member may exhibit up to 2 separate breeds in each class, except for Market bird classes which includes Market Broilers/Roasters, Market Turkeys and Market Ducks; which only one exhibit per class may be entered. 4-H member will be able to sell only 1 lot of market birds in the auction.
5. The judge and the poultry committee will determine order of show. The 4-H member must be present at the time of judging. Prior approval must be obtained by 5:00 PM Monday of fair week from the Poultry Superintendent to excuse you from being present for judging. Unexcused absence will eliminate the 4-H exhibitor's project from being judged. Valuable information may be obtained from listening to the reasons that the judge gives for placing of 4-H poultry.
6. All young pigeons must be banded with a current year seamless band.
7. For 4-H Pigeon members hens will be judged against hens, cocks will be judged against cocks, but they must be entered as a pair of the same breed. Each 4-H pigeon member may exhibit two different breeds of pigeons per pigeon class. This rule includes doves.
8. Doves will be judged as a pair.
9. All Poultry will be released after 4:00PM Thursday of Fair. 4-H families will be responsible to take their bird's home. There will be no trailer going to process.
10. Poultry must be brought during the appropriate check-in times. Any Poultry brought and left outside the barn before the start of check-in will be asked to take their animal(s) home. All Poultry must be caged in proper poultry cages, do NOT use animal live traps.
11. All birds must meet American Poultry Association (APA) and National Pigeon Association (NPA) standards.
12. All birds require an NPIP form. All NPIP forms are due at the same time with paper enrollment forms.

## **POULTRY CLASSES:**

### **Chickens:**

#### **Class 1:** Commercial Laying Chickens

4-H member may bring 2 entries in each of the following classes:

1. Pullets-2 female birds of the same breed that are not yet laying eggs.
2. Hens-2 female birds of the same breed one year of age or more on show day

#### **Class 2:** Exhibition Breeds

4-H member may exhibit 2 entries in each of the following classes:

Class 1: Standard Breed Pair (Hen + Rooster = Pair), must be one year of age.

Class 2: Bantam Breed (single hen, single rooster, or pair)

Class 3: Breeding Pair (Hen & Rooster of same breed and variety)

Birds must be at least one year of age.

Judged according to APA Standards.

#### **Class 3:** Commercial Family Table Flock

1. Hens in laying condition and meat condition.
2. Should use dual purpose breed for egg and meat production
3. Birds must be at least 1 year of age.  
Section 1-Exhibit 1 hen and 1 rooster of same breed. (Each 4-H poultry member will be able to exhibit 2 different breeds.)

**Class 4:** Commercial Broilers /Roasters

1. Must exhibit 2 of the same breed and variety with similar weights
2. Broilers must weigh a minimum of 3.5 lbs and a maximum of 5.5 lbs (approximately 6-8 weeks of age).
3. Can be any sex combination (same sex is recommended)
4. Roasters must weigh a minimum of 5.5 lbs to a maximum of 10 lbs at approximately 8-12 weeks. Any roaster of 10 lbs will be disqualified.
5. Proof of hatch date will be required at check-in if birds were not purchased from the Poultry Committee.
6. Only 1 Grand-champion and 1 Reserve grand champion will be selected from this market class

**Turkey:**

**Class 1:** Exhibition Turkeys

Section 1-Exhibit 1 fancy tom and/or fancy hen of any breed one year old or older.  
Judged according to APA Standards.

**Class 2:** Commercial Turkey

Section 1 Exhibit and sell one market turkey

1. Must be hatched after March 1<sup>st</sup> of current year
2. Must weigh at least 10 pounds to exhibit and sell.
3. Recommended breeds for fair are white or bronze.

**Other Poultry:**

**Class 1:** Guinea fowl

Section 1-Exhibit 1 male and/or 1 female up to 2 separate breeds.

**Class 2:** Pea fowl

Section 1 Exhibit 1 male and/or 1 female up to 2 separate breeds

**Class 3:** Any other fowl, which includes but is not limited to pheasants and quail

Section 1 Exhibit 1 male and/or 1 female other fowl, up to 2 separate breeds.

**PIGEON CLASSES:** All Divisions can exhibit 2 different entries per class of fancy, utility, or flying pigeons or doves.

All pigeons will be judged according to the NPA Standards.

**Class 1:** Young Pigeons

Section 1 Exhibit one young hen

Section 2 Exhibit one young cock

ALL young pigeons must be banded with a current year seamless band.

**Class 2:** Old Pigeons

Exhibit one pair

**Class 3** Doves

Section 1-Exhibit a pair of doves

**WATERFOWL CLASSES:**

**Ducks:**

**Class 1:** Exhibition Duck

- a) 4-H member may exhibit 2 entries in the following class
- b) One male or female may be shown as a single
- c) All waterfowl class will be judged according to American Poultry Association & Indiana State Fair Guidelines.

Description of Classes

- Heavyweight Duck
- Medium weight Duck
- Lightweight Duck
- Bantam Duck

All Exhibition Ducks will be judge according to APA Standards.

**Class 2:** Commercial Duck

Section 1 Exhibit 2 market ducks of the same breed.

1. Must be a minimum of 7 weeks old, approximately, to exhibit and sell in this class.

Commercial Duck include but not limited to: Pekin Ducks, All other classification of ducks.

**Geese:****Class 1:** Exhibition Geese

Section 1 Exhibit 1 gander and/or 1 goose (4-H member may exhibit up to 2 different breeds.) Must be one year old or older. Judged according to APA Standards.

**Class 2:** Commercial Geese

Section 1 Exhibit 1 drake and/or 1 hen hatched after August 1 of the previous year. (Not able to sell in auction.)

Commercial Geese include but not limited to: Embden Geese, all other classifications Geese.

**EGG CLASS:**

1. Exhibit 6 (six) home produced eggs in a carton from same species. Any poultry species may compete.
2. Exhibit eggs in uniform size, color, shape and texture
3. Classes will be:
  - a. Brown Shell
  - b. White Shell
  - c. Other Color

**Rules:**

- Do not wash or rinse the eggs at all. Egg class judges look for intact egg "bloom".
- Bring eggs unrefrigerated as refrigeration causes eggs to "sweat".
- Use an inexpensive non-scouring egg brush to remove poop or any other debris. Egg brushes are available on Amazon, Murray McMurray or some farm stores.
- Poultry Superintendent will dispose of eggs after the show.
- All eggs need to be shown in unmarked plain cardboard carton. Cartons may be purchased from the Poultry Committee for \$1.00.

**Kosciusko County 4-H Poultry Committee's College Scholarship:** Two (2), \$200.00, scholarships will be given each year by the Kosciusko County 4-H Poultry Committee. This scholarship was established to recognize those students who have contributed to the success of the Poultry project at the county fair. You must also exhibit a willingness to assist other Poultry exhibitors by helping them care for, learn about, and present their Poultry projects in a positive manner. Applicants must be a 10-year 4-H member or in the last year of 4-H eligibility with a minimum of 5 years of participation in the 4-H Poultry project. Payment will be made directly to the school of your choice and credited to your account. This award may be used for tuition, room/board, books, or other school academic fees only.